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SUBJECT: STATUS REPORT: AUSTRALIA, NEW ZEALAND
PAPUA NEW GUINEA AND PACIFIC ISLANDS

1. BREAKTHROUGH IN MICRONESIAN STATUS NEGOTIATIONS -
AN INTERAGENCY TEAM, LED BY AMBASSADOR PETER R.
ROSENBLATT, AND INCLUDING BILL BODDE AND DAVE STEWART
(L/UNA) MET WITH THE LEADERSHIP OF THE THREE MICRONESIAN
POLITICAL STATUS COMMISSIONS (THE CONGRESS OF MICRONESIAN
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STATUS COMMISSION, AND THE PALAU POLITICAL STATUS
COMMISSION) IN HILO, HAWAII, APRIL 7-9. THE HEADS
OF THE FOUR DELEGATIONS
SIGNED A STATEMENT OF PRINCIPLES
WHICH WILL FORM THE BASIS OF THE FUTURE RELATIONSHIPS
BETWEEN THE PEOPLES OF MICRONESIA AND THE UNITED STATES.
FORMAL DOCUMENTS REFLECTING THIS AGREEMENT WILL BE

PREPARED IN THE COMING MONTHS. THIS AGREEMENT MARKS A MAJOR BREAKTHROUGH IN THE LONG NEGOTIATIONS TO SEEK NEGOTIATIONS TO SEEK AGREEMENT ON THE FUTURE STATUS OF THE TRUS TERRITORIES.

2. NORRISH PRESENTS CREDENTIALS - NEW ZEALAND
AMBASSADOR MERWYN NORRISH PRESENTED HIS LETTERS OF CREDENCE TO THE IRESIDENT ON APRIL 7. (A PRESENTATION CEREMONY ONLY 16 DAYS AFTER ARRIVAL IN WASHINGTON IS NEARLY A MODERN RECORD, FOR WHICH S/CPR DESERVES FULL CREDIT.) VANCE

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